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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/2002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☒ Other: BIB DATA SHEET

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Status

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1-26 are rejected as detailed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Claim 1 recites “wherein said branding tool maps said branded information provided in said supplier subscription records to profile information provided in said customer profile records and transfers resulting targeted branded information to said customer system.” The specification does not describe in a clear and concise manner the process by which the branding tool maps supplier subscription records to customer profile records such that a skilled artisan can make and use the invention. Furthermore, the specification does not describe in a clear and concise manner the process by which the branding tool transfers information to a customer such

that a skilled artisan can make and use the invention. Claim 10 includes language similar to the above and is thus rejected on the same basis.

Claim 1 recites “applications software, including a branding tool operable for creating and disseminating branded information.” The specification does not describe in a clear and concise manner the process by which the branding tool creates and disseminates information such that a skilled artisan can make and use the invention.

Claim 15 recites “if a match is found, transmitting associated branded information to as customer system associated with said customer profile records.” The specification does not describe in a clear and concise manner the process by which a match is found such that a skilled artisan can make and use the invention.

Claim 21 recites “associating metatags with response data provided in said target record.” The specification does not describe in a clear and concise manner the process by which metatags are associate with response data such that a skilled artisan can make and use the invention. In fact the word “metatag” is not even included in the specification.

Claims 2-14 and 16-20 and 22-26 are rejected for being dependent from a rejected base claim.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claim 1 recites “a branding tool operable for creating and disseminating branded information.” The scope of the invention is difficult to determine because it is unclear what comprises “branded information.” Applicant fails to provide a clear and concise definition of “branded information” and thus examiner will rely upon a common dictionary definition¹ i.e., an identifying mark or label on the products of a particular company; trademark. For purposes of this first action on the merits, examiner interprets “branded information” as information pertinent to a particular product of a company.

Claims 2-14 are rejected for being dependent from a rejected base claim.

Art Rejection Precluded

Claims 1-26 are rejected under a combination of the first paragraph and the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. No art rejection is provided in this first action on the merits.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Etienne P. LeRoux whose telephone number is (571) 272-4022. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on (571) 272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

¹ Webster's New World College Dictionary Fourth Edition

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